

ELABORATE PLAN FOR POST-OFFICE EXTENSION

E. Weber Hoen Suggests Moving Eleventh Street East to Travelers' Building.

UNIQUE PLAN FOR BANK STREET

Fanciful Sketch Proposes Acquisition of Property From State, City and Private Interests—Give City Great Group of Public Buildings.

The drawing herewith shows E. Weber Hoen's idea for a new post-office building here. It is beautiful, artistic, and if the idea could be carried into execution, the Federal building would become the central place of a beautiful group of State, city and Federal structures.

The scheme carries with it, it will be noticed, the tearing down of the main street buildings from the present post-office to the Travelers' Insurance building, a part of Goddin Hall on Bank Street and the Capitol and Law building on Bank Street, and all buildings on Eleventh Street, from Main to Bank. Eleventh Street would lie between the post-office and the Travelers' building, leaving the latter at the corner, instead of being in the middle of a block, surrounded by squat buildings, as it is now.

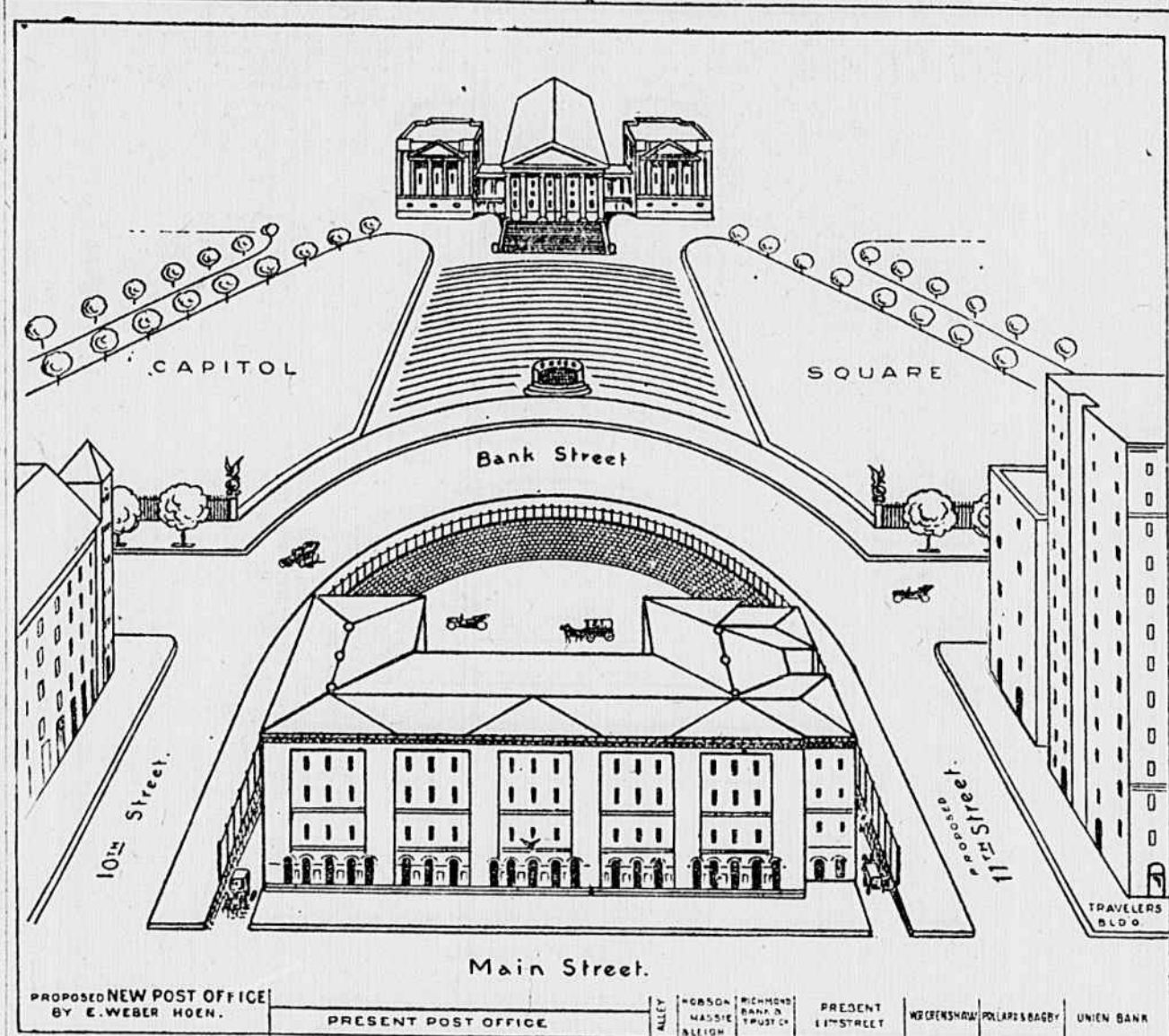
Bank Street would be excavated back of the post-office in semicircular form as far as the iron fence around Capitol Square. This would give all the necessary light on the north side of the post-office, a very essential and necessary condition. Bank Street would be curved back of the post-office, occupying a part of Capitol Square. From the curved part of Bank Street leading to the Capitol building would be curved steps, in place of the circuitous paths by which one now climbs to the top of the hill.

Thus the central part of the square lying between the post-office and the Capitol would be like a vast Roman amphitheater, where great open-air meetings could be held, and thousands could be comfortably seated. At the foot of this great stairway would be erected a speaker's stand, and all the discourse would be directly in front of the speaker.

It will be seen that the idea carries with it the placing of the post-office on the Main Street level. A bridge could be placed from the proposed Bank Street to the post-office, if necessary.

To carry the idea into execution, it would be necessary to acquire property from the State, city and private citizens.

Fanciful Plan for Development of Post-Office Site



GREAT THROG ATTENDS MT. VERNON DEDICATION

Captain Lewis Sends Account of Opening of Virginia Building at San Francisco Exposition.

From Captain John T. Lewis the only member of the Virginia Commission on the grounds of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition last Friday when the Virginia State Building, Mount Vernon, was formally dedicated, a telegraphic communication was received yesterday morning by Secretary Forward, of the commission, giving an interesting account of the dedicatory exercises.

The communication, in the form of a night letter, dated at San Francisco, March 26, reads as follows: "San Francisco, Cal., March 26, 1915. "Alexander Forward, Secretary Virginia Panama Commission, Richmond, Va.:

"Building dedicated at 2 o'clock today. Great success. Audience large and very enthusiastic, notwithstanding bad weather. All Virginians turned out. Many distinguished people present.

"After my address, accepting commemorative bronze plaque, the following spoke: National Commissioner Lamar, ex-Vice-President Fairbanks, Mayor Rolph, of San Francisco; Senator Phelan and John Temple Graves. "Especially indebted to Major Willard Newbill, United States Army, at the Presidio, for general arrangements made prior to my arrival. Major Newbill is a native Virginian. Miss Heth makes a splendid hostess. Every one delighted. General impression expressed to me by leading people making Virginia dedication most impressive and distinguished yet held. Papers follow with full account.

(Signed) "JOHN T. LEWIS."

Captain Lewis will remain for some days on the Pacific Coast, before starting on his long journey home. He will return by easy stages, stopping over for a few days at different points of interest.

JITNEY COMPANY FORMED

Will Enter Norfolk, Newport News, Portsmouth and Petersburg.

The Virginia Jitney Bus Company was formed yesterday in Norfolk with a view of putting the business of gasoline transportation on a sound business footing. The following officers were elected: J. H. Childs, president, Reading, Pa.; R. H. McLeod, vice-president, Cleveland, O.; T. H. Davis, treasurer, New York; R. P. Green, general manager, New York; and John Dance, vice-president, Chester, Pa.

It was stated that the promoters of the new enterprise have just made a large shipment of horses to the war zone in Europe, and now propose to turn their energies to capitalizing and systematizing the jitney business in the cities of this State. It was stated that orders had been placed for fifty-two new cars, to be operated in Norfolk, Petersburg, Portsmouth and Newport News. Treasurer Davis stated that the company would arrange later to enter Richmond if the City Council does not make prohibitive regulations and restrictions.

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Men and women who get the "Banking Habit" early in life are usually found among the successful.

This, the Strongest Trust Company in the South Atlantic States, invites you to open an account.

Large or small; either is welcome.

You feel "at home" with the Old Dominion, our "personal service" to depositors conveys that "at home" feeling in no intangible way. You are safe when you come to the

Old Dominion Trust Co.

Capital, \$1,000,000. Surplus, \$1,000,000. Ninth and Main Streets, Richmond, Va.

GOVERNOR SEAY SAYS CONDITIONS ARE BETTER

Federal Reserve Bank Statement Shows Upward Trend of Business.

MORE GOLD IN CIRCULATION

Discounts at Local Institution Average More Than \$100,000 Per Day, Total for Past Week Having Been \$643,103.

With rediscounts averaging more than \$100,000 daily for the past week and the amount of Federal reserve notes in circulation increased nearly \$100,000 for the week, Governor Seay, of the Federal Reserve Bank, expressed himself yesterday as encouraged over the financial outlook, and says that the banking business generally is getting better. Financial operations indicate the general trend of business, and the report of the Federal bank for the week ending Friday night is of a decidedly encouraging nature. The report in detail is as follows:

Resources.	
Gold coin and certificates	\$ 8,750,737 50
Legal tender notes, certificates and subsidiary coin	14,001 10
All other resources	39,461 55
Total resources	\$ 8,794,199 05
Reserve deposits	\$ 8,316,584 02
Due to other Federal reserve banks	1,318,590 37
Federal reserve notes in circulation	3,871,020 90
Capital paid in	2,202,416 64
All other liabilities	25,643 68
Total liabilities	\$ 15,499,255 31
Gold reserve against all liabilities	66 per cent
Cash reserve against all liabilities after setting aside 40 per cent gold reserve for Federal reserve notes in circulation	77 per cent
Total amount of bills discounted	643,103 40
Week ending March 26, 1915	

LARGER AMOUNT OF GOLD COIN IN CIRCULATION

Gold coin and certificates in the vaults of Federal Reserve Banks increased about \$3,000,000 during the past week, according to the statements of their condition on March 26, issued yesterday by the Federal Reserve Board in Washington. The statement follows:

Resources:	
Gold coin and certificates	\$242,168,000
Legal tender notes, silver certificates and subsidiary coin	\$23,098,000
Total	\$265,266,000
Bills discounted and loans:	
Maturities within sixty days	\$14,715,000
Maturities within sixty days	\$14,514,000
Other	\$7,454,000
Total	\$31,682,000
Investments	\$21,579,000
Due from Federal Reserve Banks	\$5,573,000
All other resources	\$9,116,000
Total resources	\$333,211,000
Liabilities:	
Reserve deposits	\$288,217,000
Federal reserve notes in circulation (net liability)	\$8,889,000
Total liabilities	\$297,106,000
Gold reserve against net liabilities	83.1 per cent
Cash reserve against net liabilities	91.0 per cent
Cash reserve against liabilities after setting aside 40 per cent gold reserve against net amount of Federal reserve notes in circulation	92.6 per cent

Hear Gas Proposition Tuesday.

The Administrative Board will hold a special meeting Tuesday afternoon to hear the proposition of the Southern Gas and Electric Company to lease the City Gas Works. It is proposed that the matter shall be referred to the people. The company offers to sell gas at 80 cents, to make certain expenditures, and to improve the service.

FRANK STOCKDALE WILL SPEAK TO ADVERTISERS

Celebrated Advertising Man to Give Illustrated Lecture at Chamber of Commerce.

Frank Stockdale, well-known lecturer and celebrated advertising man, will give an illustrated lecture on the topic, "Advertising and the Speed of Turnover," at the auditorium of the Chamber of Commerce on Thursday evening, April 1, under the auspices of the Richmond Advertisers' Club.

Mr. Stockdale is one of the most interesting characters in the world of industry. He was first in business for himself. Later he became a trained speaker, and was employed by the International Harvester Company. Mr. Stockdale later lectured on business topics for System Magazine.

Some of the points which Mr. Stockdale will cover in his lecture are: The rate of turnover in various trades; how to figure various rates of turnover; the relation of advertising to so-called scientific merchandising; a discussion of the cost of doing business in various trades with tables and explanations of various items, methods of figuring; advertising as the only one of the chief cost items which has for its avowed purpose demand, stimulation; a plea for the least wasteful advertising possible. The lecture will be illustrated by numerous pictures and line cuts of costkeeping accounting systems, and so forth.

Wendenburg to Speak.

Attorney L. O. Wendenburg will address the Workmen's Protective Association in Labor Temple this afternoon at 3 o'clock on the thirty-year franchise which the Virginia Railway and Power Company is seeking. President R. B. Greenway will preside.

Segregation Case Continued.

The case against Rev. E. M. Mitchell and several trustees of the Leigh Street Memorial Church, charged with violating the segregation ordinance by holding services in the church, was continued until April 3 in the Police Court yesterday.

LOCAL LODGE OF ELKS WILL BE GUESTS OF EAGLES

Reception to Be Held by Members of Diste Aerie on Tuesday Night, April 6.

The 700 and odd members of the Richmond Lodge of Elks will be the guests of the Richmond Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles at a big reception to be tendered the brethren of the branching antlers at the new nest of the Eagles on Tuesday evening, April 6.

It looks like a big night that night. The "yee, yee" of the distinctly American order of Eagles will mingle gleefully with the "Hello, Bill" of the equally distinctive American order of Elks. There will be music in the air, both vocal and instrumental and there will be feasting and oratory. There will be fun for the many.

On the night following, April 7, the recently elected officers of the Richmond Lodge of Elks will be installed, and there will be impressive ceremonies at the Elks' Home. The final social session of the present administration will be given after the installation of officers and the annual report of Exalted Ruler William Perlestein, showing the splendid growth of the lodge during the past year, with some suggestions from him for the future welfare of Richmond Lodge, will be read.

COUNCIL CALLED

School Board Wants Authority to Close Option for Purchase of Lot in Fulton.

President R. Lee Peters issued a call yesterday for a special meeting of the Common Council for to-morrow night at 8 o'clock in the Council Chamber. The object is to act on a joint resolution from the Board of Aldermen empowering the City School Board to close an option for a new site for the Fulton School.

When the bond issue known as the "Little Budget" was pending before the Council the School Board took an option on a desirable site on Fulton Hill for a new school, proposed to be erected for the eastern section of the city.

The defeat of the ordinance because of objection to the Clyde Line wharf item, made it necessary to introduce a new ordinance providing funds for the school building program. Meanwhile the option secured on the Fulton lot is about to expire, and the school authorities fear that the price will be greatly advanced if it is not closed at once. The Board of Aldermen has already adopted a resolution authorizing the School Board to close the option, and it is expected that the Council will concur to-morrow night, leaving the question of a bond issue to be determined later.

Gentry Fined \$25. James Gentry was fined \$25 and costs by Justice Griggs, yesterday, when convicted of assaulting and using abusive language to Annie Lucas.

Mr. Dunn Ill. J. Morton Dunn is reported as being seriously ill at his residence, 1-A, Allen Avenue.

Spring Hats, Shirts, Neckwear, Gloves and Suits Are Ready

Or some Medium Weight Suits and Overcoats which sold up to \$22.50 are on sale at \$11.00. Which can we serve you with?

GANS-RADY COMPANY

NO CARDS, NO TROUSSEAU, NO FURS, NO FEATHERS

Mrs. Gill to Chaperon Blushing Couples to Hymen's Altar on Easter Monday.

MANY INDUCEMENTS OFFERED

No Promiscuous Kissing of Bride by Officiating Clergyman or Collateral Relatives—Annual Event Promises to Be Largely Attended.

No cards, no trousseau, no expensive wedding reception, no other extravagances, no promiscuous kissing of the bride by either the officiating parson or the company.

These are some of the inducements that cause Mrs. Gill's "Cupid's Special" each recurring spring to be popular with sweethearts who want to become wives and husbands. Mrs. Gill's excursion to Washington is scheduled for Easter Monday. Each year the excursionists who travel on the "Cupid's Special" are more numerous, each year the proportion of fluttering hearts aboard is commensurately greater. The party this year promises to break all records.

Hundreds of young people make the trip just for the distinction of riding with those making the pilgrimage to Hymen's shrine and the fun they get out of suspecting somebody else or being themselves suspected of being on the journey bound for matrimonial bliss. There are lots of phillies, too, who patronize the popular excursion for the alights to be seen, for the things they hear, or just to help along the Male Orphan Asylum and to encourage Mrs. Gill in the great work of philanthropy and charity of which she has been the moving spirit for many years.

MOTHER TO HUNDREDS OF BOYS

But the matrimonially inclined young folks who take advantage of the allurement held out by the "Cupid's Special" are wise in their day and generation when they consider that a honeymoon trip with the dearest "mamma" that hundreds of little Richmond boys have ever known, means "no cards, no trousseau, no expensive wedding reception, and no promiscuous kissing of the bride by either the parson or the company."

If nobody knows in advance, they reason, there's no occasion for issuing invitation cards. That precludes the possibility of making a lifelong enemy of the person you forgot when you were issuing the cards, and it saves the engraver's bill.

If nobody's invited a trousseau would be ridiculous. It could only make the bride unduly conspicuous. That disposes of the dressmaker and the milliner.

If nobody's invited the wedding reception is readily dispensed with. There is no occasion for "fuss and feathers" around the house for a week ahead of the ceremony; no reason for flowers and other extravagances, such as an automobile parade between the home and the church; no reason for seeing the best carpet in the house ruined by a crowd of wedding guests, who always tread cake crumbs into the carpet so deep that only an expert cleaner, working overtime, can remove them; no occasion for accepting presents you don't want from somebody who doesn't want to give them; no occasion, if you happen to be the bridegroom, for suffering half a dozen old codgers whose heads you'd like to punch, to "salute the bride."

No cards, no flowers, no cake, no presents to be returned, even to the third generation, no company.

No wonder Mrs. Gill's excursion to Washington on Easter Monday bids fair to be immensely popular.

STRONG PROTEST AGAINST REMOVAL OF T. P. ELAM

Railway Mail Clerks Charge Political Interference With Civil Service.

HAS RECORD FOR EFFICIENCY

Many Reforms for Rapid Handling of Mail on Trains Introduced in Fifteen Years Mr. Elam Has Been in Postal Service.

An extended petition against the transfer of T. P. Elam, chief clerk of the railway mail service, from this division to Baltimore was forwarded yesterday to Postmaster-General Burleson. The petition is signed by eighty-nine of the employees under Mr. Elam, and calls attention to the importance of keeping the civil service out of politics, and to the great reforms in the postal service introduced by Mr. Elam in the fifteen years he has been in charge of the railway mail service at this point.

It is understood here that a somewhat similar protest is being made in Baltimore against the transfer from that city to Richmond of N. W. C. Gardner, who is popular in mail circles in his home city.

Congressman Andrew Jackson Montague has promised to look into the question of the transfer of Mr. Elam to-morrow, and has an appointment to meet a delegation of postal employees on the subject at the New Willard Hotel.

CHARGE INTERFERENCE WITH CIVIL SERVICE

Local postal employees do not hesitate to charge that the effort originating in North Carolina to replace Mr. Elam is purely political, and, if successful, that it will mean a practical breakdown of the civil service in this branch of the government. They call attention to the fact that since he has been in charge, Mr. Elam has vastly improved the service on the main North Carolina lines, his division including Virginia and Eastern Carolina. Extensive changes in the methods of assorting and handling Richmond incoming mail on trains, having it ready for carriers on arrival here, have been installed by Mr. Elam.

The petition sent to the Postmaster-General was signed by eighty-nine out of 140 men in the division under Mr. Elam. In view of the fact that it has been in circulation less than four days, and that many of the railway mail clerks were out of the city on long runs, and could not be reached, it is regarded as a practically unanimous request for his retention in his present position.

Reckless Running of Motorcar.

J. W. Hatcher, charged with carelessly and recklessly running automobile No. 411 through the streets, was fined \$25 and costs in the Police Court, yesterday. The man noted an appeal.

Poster Sent to Grand Jury.

The case against Thomas Poston, colored, charged with breaking into the store of W. A. Sorg, 324 East Broad Street, and stealing six pairs of shoes, was sent on to the grand jury from the Police Court yesterday. Detectors W. W. Willy and Kellam arrested the man.

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We Beg to Announce for the Week Beginning March 29th

An Easter Exhibition

OF

High Grade Millinery and Women's Wearing Apparel

During this display we shall feature all the newest style novelties in all departments, and at prices surprisingly reasonable.

The styles we show are exclusive and cannot be seen elsewhere in Richmond.

NOTE.—We want to call special attention to our Millinery Display. It will be of unusual interest, embracing many novelties that are extremely new.

MRS. BOWE WINS DIVORCE

Awarded Custody of Her Two Children and Alimony of \$100 Per Month.

Divorce was yesterday granted by the Law and Equity Court to Mrs. Mary D. Bowe in her suit against her husband, Charles C. Bowe, and he has been entered. Mrs. Bowe charged her husband with cruelty and desertion. Under the terms of the decree custody of the two children is given to Mrs. Bowe, provision being made that Mr. Bowe may see them every two weeks. Alimony of \$100 a month was awarded to Mrs. Bowe.

Adams Enlarges Business.

W. H. Adams, president of the Board of Aldermen, has merged his book-binding and book-making plant with the Virginia Stationery Company, and has been made president of the company. The enlarged establishment has leased a Main Street store close to its present location, and additional facilities, including a modern printing plant, will be added.

SECURITY SAVINGS

ENT PROVES ITSELF

American National Bank

CAPITAL ONE MILLION RICHMOND, VA.